

POLITICAL WASTE QUIET ALARMING OPINES BALLIET

(BY LETSON BALLIET)

The waste of public money by political officeholders is little short of criminal. It has made the burden of taxation so great as to retard development and industry. The aftermath of a period of extravagance and waste leaves the country with a burden of unemployment from which it must recover.

Taxation is 50 per cent higher than necessary. I make that statement advisedly, and even so, it is not strong enough. If any one cares to look over the so-called budgets of past years and then to look at what was accomplished with the money, he will find but little permanent good has been obtained from the monies expended.

Who pays the taxes? You have been told that the butcher, the baker, the grocer, the power, phone, water, sewer, railroad and landlord pay the taxes. As a matter of fact they do not pay one cent of taxes that you do not collect from the public.

The man who buys pays every cent of his taxes. The man who sells never collects. Part of the tax money that is being squandered by political incompetents is in every dollar you spend and adds to your cost of living.

The city, county, state and United States taxes all come from the man who buys. Income tax, corporation tax, license profit tax, war tax, revenue tax, stamp tax, are all added to the cost of doing business and the man who buys foots the bill.

The government hasn't a dollar to spend that is not taken from the man who buys; neither has the state or county. When work is performed by the government you foot the bill, for it is like the traveling man's overcoat, covered up in the expense account.

Political Contracts Expensive

Some years ago a cloudburst ruptured a dam at Staunton, Va. The county commissioners called for bids to repair it. The lowest bid was by my contractor was \$4000. One of the commissioners asked Charles E. Ashburner, engineer of maintenance of ways of the C. & O. railroad what it would cost if the repairs were made as the railroad would do it. His estimate was \$737. Upon receiving this estimate the commissioners asked Mr. Ashburner to do the job and prove his estimate. The work was done for \$736, or \$1 less than the estimate.

How Contractors Bid

Shortly after I left my engineering school, I worked for a contractor who built steel water towers and county bridges. There were five structural steel contractors in that part of the state. Every job had two bids. Before the bids were received, the contractors got together and decided from the reports of their agents just how much they thought

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The Women's Relief Corps will give a benefit card party at Odd Fellows Hall, July 6, for Comrade Greenup Everybody invited.

W. R. C.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

Under Ordinance No. 40, of the town of Tonopah, property owners are compelled to keep toilets in sanitary condition. The ordinance requires that toilets must be vented and that vents must be screened and covers provided for seats to exclude flies. With the coming of warm weather enforcement of this ordinance becomes imperative for the sake of public health and all persons are notified that prosecution will follow neglect.

Chloride of lime and a liquid disinfectant can be secured in limited quantities, free of charge by applying at police headquarters. Bring your own containers.

By order of
O. H. SMITH,
Chief of Police.

JOIN MODERN WOODMEN

W. S. Harris, of Battle Mountain, is in Tonopah for the purpose of instituting a camp of the Modern Woodmen of America. Mr. Harris is district deputy for Nevada, and memberships are to be received from Tonopah and the surrounding districts, including Goldfield. Mr. Harris can be found at Hoffman's drug store. The entire cost of joining, including examination, is \$7.25. Insurance carried is paid monthly in small amounts. Miners are admitted to membership up to 50 years. Dr. C. H. Church is examining physician, or Room 1, Greystone hotel.

Leave Word at Hoffman's Drug Store

We deliver your ice cream to your home. Call Butler's Soft Drink Parlor, or phone 1562.

DELINQUENT SALE NOTICE

NEW Tonopah Dividend Mining Company

Location of property, Tonopah District, Mineral County, Nevada.

Location of principal office, Room 415 State Bank Building, Tonopah, Nye County, Nevada.

TIME IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT there is recorded upon the following described stock of the New Tonopah Dividend Mining Company, on account of assessment No. 2, levied on the 10th day of May, 1922, in the amount of one (1) cent per share.

Cert. No.

Name
No. Shares
C. M. Cross

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